

Contest Overview:

Project Longevity, The Police Athletics League (PAL) and Step Up, Step Out: End the Culture of Violence present:

"Project Longevity Youth Essay Contest" Participation & Eligibility

All Hartford residents Grades 4th-12th are eligible to participate.

Non-Hartford residents are eligible to apply if they attend a Hartford based school.

Youth interested in participating will have to submit a 1-3 page essay that discusses the following:

How has violence affected your or someone you know?

What would you do to reduce violence in your community?

Describe your plan in detail.

Whom would you ask for help?

How would you involve the community? How will your idea make a difference?

Guidelines:

All entries must be typed on standard size paper **8 1/2" X 11"**

If emailing your essay-please save it as a Microsoft Word document with your last name and name of the school as the file name. All entries must have complete information at the top of the paper: (student's name, complete home mailing address, school, teacher's name, grade, age, and a contact phone number).

**Entries can be mailed or hand delivered to:
Project Longevity Youth Essay Contest
c/o Tiana Victoria Hercules, Esq.
450 Main Street-3rd floor Room 338
Hartford CT 06103**

Essays should be a minimum of 300 words & not exceed 1,000 words.

Essay must be entrant's original work. Essays that have won other contests or that have appeared in any print or online publications are not eligible.

Judging:

Entries will be evaluated on the basis of content, creativity and how convincing you are

Please note that each of the questions must be answered.

Cash Prize Awards for all Grade Levels:

All participating students will be acknowledged with a certificate.

NOTE:

Winners will be announced Friday, June 12, 2015. An awards reception will be held recognizing all winners on Friday, June 19, 2015, at Asylum Hill Congregational Church at 5pm. Pizza & Refreshments will be served all participants and their families are encouraged to attend.

Timeline:

Deadline Sunday, May 31, 2015

All essay submissions may be mailed and postmarked, or sent via email to: thercules@project-longevity.org with the subject line **"Youth Essay Contest"**

If you have any questions, please contact Project Longevity for the city of Hartford

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